

# **REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AGENDA**

February 4th, 2010

3:45 – 4:00 Food (Chinese food from Panda Express)

## **I Opening Gavel (4:00) – SPEAKERS**

1. Paula Carroll (First Financial- CTA Endorsed Vendor)

## **II Approval of Agenda** approved by **consensus.**

## **III Approval of Minutes from Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting** – moved by Dr. Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chrissi Levin.

## **IV Officer Reports**

1. Elementary School Director
2. Middle School Director – Has received complaints about the Learning Center Model in use at Warm Springs. The MTA Middle School Director has met with administration and is hopeful there will be changes in the future. -
3. High School Director – sent email about chronic misbehaving students. Discipline survey Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
4. Secretary – MTA website to highlight members and retired members. Filling out the 2010 Census is important for making sure we (State, County, and District) get our fair share of federal education dollars.
5. Treasurer – CTA audit of MTA bookkeeping of Agency Fee Payer records. Carin McWhorter, past MTA Treasurer will be traveling with the MTA President to LA for the audit.

Motion made by Teresa Basin to fund three teachers to attend the CTA Good Teaching Conference March 12, 13, and 14 in L.A. at the Westin Bonaventure for up to \$800 to fund the three requesting members. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Lumsden.

Motion amended by maker to include up to 10 teachers district-wide . Approximate cost for ten members would be \$3,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne Marsolais-Johnson

Motion failed.

MTA Treasurer is willing to re-address the issue of conferences at the E-board planning session at the beginning of the year.

Motion made by Debora Thompson to consider funding for other CTA sponsored conferences. President tabled motion to be addressed at a later date.

6. Vice President – no additional report
7. President - no additional report

## **V Committee Reports**

1. Health Benefits – requesting a rep. from each site. The following sites to not have reps at this time McIlhinney,

2. Grievance – K-3 class size has reached mediation stage. Possible dates are Feb 17<sup>th</sup> or March 1<sup>st</sup>.

PLC time – is it being used correctly in our district. A request was made for a list of what is scheduled for each of the PLC

What is the formula for teachers with class size overages as far as pay is concerned?

3. PAC – Looking forward to joint efforts with the Organizing and Bargaining Committee to visit sites with the presentation for the bargaining efforts.

4. State Council – Initiatives – Retirement – Would drastically change the retirement situation for teachers hired after 2011. If it passes it would take the 8.25% paid by the District into a negotiable situation. No one has as of yet funded this initiative.

Of the 60 initiatives filed for future ballots, 2 of the initiatives are CTA sponsored initiatives. They are: Repeal the Corporate Tax Loopholes Act; The Corporate Political Accountability Act. CTA is recommending opposing the following 3 initiatives: The Public Employee Paycheck Protection Act; The Public Employee Paycheck Protection Act; The New Public Employees Benefits Act. CTA State Council authorized the use of up to \$4 Million from the CTA Initiatives Fund to support the 2 initiatives and oppose the 3.

5. Alternatives – Meeting tonight at Momma Rosa's at 6:30. (SEE GREG TO ATTACH INFORMATION FROM HIS PRESENTATION ... I'm NOT GOOD WITH NUMBERS!!!!)

6. Organizing – See attached report

7. Elections – Timeline – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> nominations go out to the sites and are due to MTA office by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be in March.

## **VI Old Business**

1. RIF Process

2. Region 4 Leadership Conference (Palm Desert April 16-18)

3. MTA Elections Process (Timeline)

4. PAR Joint Committee Members Appointments

- High School Representative – Jodi Gildersleeve (VMHS)
- Elementary School Representative – Denise Ciauri (MES)

## **VII New Business**

1. NEA-RA Local Reps (Executive Board Recommends funding 3 positions)

2. MTA Agency Fee Audit Participation (March 12, 2010)

**VIII Miscellaneous** – MVUSD Teacher of the Year Committee. MTA has 2 representatives on the committee, John Grissom and Kim Chevlin. From the '09 Teachers of the Year, four teachers have submitted application to be considered for the County Teacher of the Year in April. The four teachers are: Kevin Bradley, Eugene Perkins, Mark Fitzgerald, and Melissa Grabarkewitz.

## **IX Adjournment (Prizes)**

**Next Meeting Thursday, March 4th, 2010**